

KOINER'S REPORT IS THE BEST YET

The Commissioner of Agriculture
Gives Valuable Information
to Farmers.

STATE NEEDS FARM LABOR

Both President Heater, of the
Board, and the Commissioners
Urge Its Necessity.

Commissioner Koiner's report for 1905 is one of the best publications he has yet issued and is a valuable addition to the agricultural literature of this State. The report comprises 128 pages, and is illustrated with fifty half-tone engravings. The cover page is in three colors, on which is a reproduction of the famous painting "The Reaper," a companion picture to "The Sower," which appeared on the cover page of Mr. Koiner's report for 1904. While the book is quite attractive in its make-up, its value to the farmers of the State lies in the vast amount of helpful information it contains. There are articles on Alfalfa, fruit growing, live stock, tobacco growing, wheat breeding, poultry raising, manual value of farm products, melon culture, strawberry culture, vegetable gardening, fertilization, land improvement and a great variety of topics that are out of the ordinary line of subjects usually found in agricultural reports, such as "How to Lay a Cement Floor in the Cellar," "The Home Grounds of the Farmer," "Growing Roses," "Peculiarities of the Peanut Plant," "Peanut Culture," "Road Improvement," "Vinegar Making at Home," and "Walnuts on the Farm." All of these subjects are discussed in a practical manner.

Some idea of the value of the pure food work is given in the table showing the analysis of baking powders, molasses and syrups, flour, meal and commercial feeding stuffs. This analytical work was done in the laboratory of the department. A table which appears in the report, giving the average composition of commercial stock feeds and feeds in analysis, is of great value to the farmer.

The Board's Work.

Hon. C. W. Heater, President of the State Board of Agriculture and Immigration, in his report to the Governor, says:

"It gives me great pleasure to state that the work of the Department of Agriculture is making rapid progress. The members of the Board have a sincere desire to do everything in their power to advance the agricultural interests of the State. The attendance at the meetings have been full, and the deliberations of the body harmonious. The work as outlined in the statement of my predecessor last year in the geological work and farmers' institutes in connection with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has progressed satisfactorily. The fertilizer law has been vigorously executed by our very efficient commissioner, and is giving valuable protection to the farmer from fraud and loss in the fertilizers he buys. The farmers' institutes held have been numerous and well attended by the people, and this work will be continued as before. This board is made by the constitution a Department of Immigration also, but the Legislature has never made any appropriation for immigration work. The board has appointed a committee to ask for an appropriation by the Legislature, to be used in advertising the resources of the State in other States, in some foreign countries to induce people to buy our idle lands, also to bring labor here to work upon the farms. Your able assistance is respectfully requested in this most important matter. The agricultural conditions over the State are improving, our farmers are growing better crops and doing better work, and a spirit of thrift and advancement is apparent."

Virginia Moving Forward.

Commissioner Koiner, in his report to the Governor, says:

"It is apparent to every observer that the agricultural conditions in Virginia are moving forward year by year. The past year has been one of the most prosperous; our lands are increasing in value; in some sections the increase has been fifty per cent. and more in a few years. The farmers are improving their system in farming by studying and applying modern methods in agriculture, and are growing larger crops, and are keeping more live stock. In horticulture the advance is very gratifying. In very many instances the sale of the apple crop amounted to three or four times more than the entire crop from the other fruit State. Our farmers write that the bulletins, reports and farmers' institutes have given them much valuable information. One hundred and sixty-five thousand of these publications have been sent out during the past year. New farmers' bulletins have been issued by the department this year, on raising sheep in Virginia, Virginia as a horse and mule State, fruit-growing in Virginia, corn-growing in Virginia, poultry-raising for profit, cattle-raising in Virginia and lead and zinc deposits in Virginia. A large number of a bulletin giving "Information to the Home-seeker and Investor" has been distributed outside the State during the past year. The fertilizer inspection and analysis gives the farmer the true contents of the fertilizer he uses, and the commercial fertilizer is not overcharged for what he buys. This fertilizer law in its operation has saved the farmers of this State at least half a million dollars every year since its enactment. There is nothing easier than to defraud in fertilizer if the manufacturer desires to do so."

Immigration Work.

"A new hand-book is in press, giving the resources of the State in the various lines for agricultural and industrial development, which will be sent out beyond the borders of this State. Immigration work within the past year than in any previous year. About twenty-five hundred farms were bought last year by people from outside the State, which

March March

Down to The E. B. Taylor Co.'s Main Street Store and see the good things that we are showing in our Retail Department.

Sample Salads and Cake Plates

500 China Salad Bowls that sold at from 25c each to \$3.00, we put them on sale at from 10c each to \$1.35 each.

500 China Cake Plates, usual price ranging from 25c to \$3.50 each; they will be sold at from 10c to \$1.25 each.

Hard Luck!

A Western manufacturer, in need of the "money," came to us with a proposition, and this is the result. Come early and get the pick:

- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, Cup and Sancer, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, 6-inch Flat Plate, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, 7-inch Flat Plate, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, 8-inch Flat Plate, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, 7-inch Soup Plate, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, 8-inch Meat Dish, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, 10-inch Meat Dish, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, 12-inch Meat Dish, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, Open Vegetable Dish, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, Salad Bowls, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, Jugs, 3 sizes, only 10c each.
- Decorated Porcelain, with gold sprig, Soup Bowls, only 10c each.

A Clock "Special"

A Handsome Gilt Clock, supported on figure of Roman soldier, height 26 inches, at the low price of \$2.49.

Housefurnishing Goods

These items will interest every housekeeper that reads this. For this week only.

- Pantry Scales, dial face, only .08c
- Tin Sugar Boxes, only .10c
- Agate Ware Ham Roller, only .08c
- Agate Ware Coffee Pot, 2 quart, only .21c
- Agate Ware Coffee Pot, 3 quart, only .20c
- Agate Ware Coffee Pot, 4 quart, only .33c
- New Connecticut Meat Cutter, family size, only .89c
- Agate Ware Saucepan, 2 quart, only .15c
- Agate Ware Saucepan, 3 quart, only .19c
- Agate Ware Saucepan, 4 quart, only .24c
- Agate Ware Saucepan, 6 quart, only .29c
- Agate Ware Saucepan, 8 quart, only .39c

The E. B. Taylor Co.,

1011 East Main St.
Opposite the Post Office

brought into the State at least eight million dollars.

"The splendid business exhibit made by the State at the World's Fair is now yielding good results. The appropriation made by the Legislature for that purpose has proven to have been a wise one. There are 10,000,000 idle acres of land in this State; we need more people and more money to develop them. The Board of Agriculture and Immigration is most desirous that the Legislature make a liberal appropriation to be used in bringing in desirable homeseekers and farm labor into the State. In every county in the Commonwealth there is a strong demand for labor."

"A large number of farmers' institutes have been held, with gratifying results, and this good work will be continued."

"A pure food bulletin (No. 2) has been issued this year, giving the analysis of many brands of foods and feeds."

A large number of minerals have been examined, all free of cost to our people. The work of the Department is widening and increasing each year, which necessarily increases the expenses of the Department, but the scope and extent of the work done by this Department is greater and at less expense than by any other State. During the past year nearly eighteen thousand letters have been written, and daily the Department is visited either by our own people or by home-seekers and investors seeking information.

Given Birthday Party.

Miss Minnie Coghill was recipient of a delightful birthday party last Wednesday night, in her home on Mosby

SOCIETY

(Continued from Sixth Page.)

Thomas Bolling, No. 610 West Franklin Street.

Mrs. L. O. Willis has issued invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Lucile, to Mr. Andrew G. Porter, the marriage to take place in Corinth Church, Fowhan, tan county, March 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Scott, of Moreau, Va., spent several days of last week in Richmond.

The New Yorker of February 18th has for its frontispiece a large picture of Mrs. R. Randolph Fairfax, of Roanoke, Va.

It has been finally arranged that Princess Ena, of Battenberg, and King Alfonso, of Spain, will be married next June, in the Church of San Geromino at Madrid.

Festivities are being arranged that will startle the world for their splendor. Foreign representatives from all countries will attend and splendid suites are being engaged for their use.

Miss Betty Broadus and Miss Eliza Jones are the guests of Mrs. A. H. Robins, at No. 202 East Marshall Street.

Miss Gladys Frazier, who has undergone surgical treatment at St. Luke's Hospital during the past week, is progressing satisfactorily, as her numerous friends will be delighted to hear.

Mrs. George B. Wilson entertained informally Wednesday evening, in honor of Mrs. James Clay Gentry, of Atlanta, Ga.

The Misses Adwell will give their monthly german on Friday evening, March 9th, at Belvidere Hall, from 8 to 12 o'clock. A string band will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hickey, of Danville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hickey, at the Chesterfield.

Mrs. Harris and Miss McElrath, of this city, left Saturday to spend some time in New York.

Miss Annie Fournelle has returned to her home in Waraw, Duplin county, N. C., after visiting relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. M. L. Worham, Miss Crawford, Miss Rhinehart and Miss Vincent have just returned from an extended trip to New York.

Miss Mary Harris and Miss Mamie McElrath will leave this morning for a short trip to New York.

POULTRY SCARCE.

Retail Market Has Brisk Trade With Good Prices.

The retail market experienced a brisk trade yesterday. Poultry is scarce and high, and the other foodstuffs are selling at satisfactory prices. The quotations are as follows: Oranges, 35c and 40c a dozen; lemons, 35c and 40c a dozen; apples, 35c and 40c a half-peck; Malaga grapes, 20c and 25c a pound; tangerines, 30c and 35c a dozen; bananas, 15c and 20c a dozen; strawberries, 35c and 40c a quart; cauliflower, 10c and 15c a head; cabbage, 10c and 15c a head; celery, 10c a stalk; parsnips, three for 10c; saffron, 10c a bunch; lettuce, 10c a head; cucumbers, 10c a piece, three for 25c; kale, 15c a half-peck; turnip salad, 35c a half-peck; grape fruit, 10c, three, 35c; egg plant, 10c; tomatoes, 3 for 25c; Irish potatoes, 15c a half-peck; sweet potatoes, 15c a half-peck; onions, 5c a quart; spring onions, 10c a bunch, three bunches, 25c; radishes, 10c a bunch, three bunches, 25c; asparagus, 25c a dozen, 50c; spring chickens, 11c and 12.5c a pair; roasting chickens, 11c and 12.5c a pair; ducks, 75c and 90c each; small hen turkeys, 35c a pound; large hen turkeys, 35c a pound; gobblers, 25c and 35c a pound; geese, 30c a pound; guineas, 41c a pair.

DR. WALKER RESIGNS.

Assistant Superintendent of the Western Hospital.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STANTON, VA., March 3.—Dr. George S. Walker has tendered his resignation as assistant superintendent of the Western State Hospital here, to take effect March 4th. Dr. Walker has been connected with the Western State Hospital as assistant superintendent and first assistant physician for over twenty years, and upon the death of Superintendent Dr. Benjamin Blackford, recently, Dr. Walker was appointed to take his place until the election of Dr. Dewey, who declined the nomination when Dr. J. S. DeJarnette was elected superintendent.

Fish Running Early.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 3.—Fish are beginning to run in the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers and some fairly good hauls for so early in the season have already been made on the Potomac. Fresh fish are a tributary of the Potomac River, a few miles from this city, in Stafford county, are brought to this city nearly every morning. Rock are scarce as yet and only one or two shad have been seen; a few herring have made their appearance and there are plenty of mud shad and some of the other less desirable varieties.

Measles have been prevalent in King George county for some weeks, and in several localities schools have had to close on that account.

Turpin Sent On.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 3.—W. E. Turpin, who is charged with entering the office of T. J. Ingram Company, insurance agents, with whom he was formerly employed, and extracting money from the iron safe, was held in preliminary hearing in the Police Court to-day. The charge was certified to the grand jury, which will meet on Monday.

A Thunder-Storm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 3.—The first thunder storm of the season was experienced here this evening. The storm was accompanied by considerable lightning and rain.

Lee Cook Y's to Meet.

A special meeting of the Lee Cook Y's has been called for to-morrow at 8:30 P. M. in the home of the president, 213 East Main street. A full attendance is desired, as there is much business of importance to be transacted.

Guth's Store Opens.

The handsome new cafe of the Guth Chocolate Company, 378 East Broad street, was opened yesterday with propitious circumstances. The place was filled with a large crowd who seemed to appreciate the comfort and beauty of the new place. A successful future is predicted for the company.

Rev. Mr. Maxey to Young Men.

The meeting at the Central Y. M. C. A. will be addressed this afternoon by Rev. Robert M. Maxey, pastor of Union-Station Methodist church. His subject will be "A King and His Kingdom."

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Tailored Suits and Separate Skirts.

This costume section just now is of marked importance to the well-dressed woman. It presents in the most authentic form the styles, the textures and dntings that can be counted on with certainty for spring.

We invite your studied comparison of our garments with others—price for price, quality for quality—the workmanship, the pronouncedly tailored fit and finish, the linings, the little details, will all explain the reason for the remarkable popularity of our ready-to-wear garments.

The Suits Are Priced \$15. Each to \$40. The Separate Skirts, \$5. Each to \$15.

New Waists reached us Saturday—Black Taffeta and China Silks, White Japan Silks, newest waist materials, \$1.25 each to \$15.00.

Announcement

Fourqorean, Temple & Company beg to announce the Spring Opening of their Millinery Exhibit on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 7th, 8th and 9th Nineteen Hundred and Six Pattern Hats, and the Latest Imported Millinery Novelties

New Colored Dress Woolens

New Dress Goods are shown in abundant variety. The very latest ideas are crowding the counters; an impressive gathering is ready, particularly strong in all manner of Grays—the season's foremost colorings. Again compare prices.

Tailored Suitsings, Panama, Worsted, Cloth, Mixtures and Invisible Plaids—grays, Oxfords, greens, modes, tans, blues—44 inches wide, at \$1.00 a yard to \$3.00.

French Novelty Suitsings, in silk and wool, clever effects and white and black, grays, new blues, reseda, tans and champagnes, at \$1.25 a yard to \$2.50.

Voiles, in most wanted shadings, at \$1.00 yard to \$1.50.

Mohair Suitsings, in plain mixtures and invisible and half-line plaids, at 50c a yard to \$1.50.

Broadcloths, all the spring shadings, \$1.00 yard to \$3.00.

Dainty Spring Wash Goods.

The word beautiful was never more meaningly applied than to our present splendid gathering of wash materials. It is representative in every way—varied in its fullness, rich in designs and strong in unusual values.

Figured Organdies, beautiful new patterns, 12 1/2-20 a yard to 25c.

Fine Silk Organdies, handsome patterns and colorings, 35c a yard to 50c.

Silk Eolennies, in floral designs, richest fabric of the season, at 50c.

Cotton Suitsings, in worsted patterns and finish, 27-inch, at 16 1/2-35c.

Mercerized Pongette, all new shades—Cotton Pongee—25c.

Canvas Weave Madras Suitsings, all good colors, at 12 1/2-20c.

Wool-Finished Batiste Suitsings, new and attractive, at 15c.

Dress Gingham, pretty new patterns, all shades, 15c yard to 12 1/2-20c.

The Shirt-Waist Linens are on display—a cool and refreshing lot that is more than ever full of durability and comfort.

Shirt-Waist Linens, sheer, soft finish, full yard wide, extra fine grades, at 50c yard to \$1.00.

Soft Handkerchief Linen, for shirt waists, 40c yard to \$1.00.

Linen Lawns, pure flax, medium weight, yard wide, 25c.

Linen Lawns, pure flax, extra fine, yard wide, 20c.

Fourqorean, Temple & Co.

NEW DEPARTURE AT ANNAPOLIS

Midshipmen Now Get Practical Instruction in the New Marine Engineering.

Midshipmen don't spend all of their time hazing and being hazed. They are about the hardest working students to be found anywhere. Every day something is added to the list of things they must know. They must be the most skilled engineers as well as tacticians. In fact, so constantly is warship machinery improved and increased that it is hard work for the naval officers to keep up with it.

With the number of midshipmen jumping from an average of 300 to 330, with the prospect of nearly a thousand next June, more room and greater facilities were required for mechanical instruction at Annapolis. Accordingly, a big slice of the \$10,000,000 appropriated by Congress for the enlargement and equipment of the Naval Academy has been spent on the new Marine Engineering and Naval Construction building—a huge structure, 366 by 115 feet in size. It is two stories high, and cost \$400,000 before a dollar had been expended for interior equipment.

On the ground floor is the model room crammed with working models and exhibits of the thousand and one pieces of the machinery with which the naval officer must be as familiar as he is with guns and torpedoes.

Adjoining the model room is the mechanical laboratory. Here is the full-sized working installation of the "Long-Arm" system of power doors, operating from a central station which, on a warship, is located above deck. When the officer in command releases a wheel he starts the door motors going, and the bulkhead doors are closed throughout the ship, rendering it unsinkable. At the same time the men below have the power to hold up any door temporarily for their own safety.

This is a fair example of the value of the Marine Engineering Department in familiarizing midshipmen with the machinery of which they will later be in charge. All the new cruisers of the "Colorado" type, and the new battle-ships of the "Connecticut" class are equipped with this electrical door-closing system. It is a device which has been developed in the American Navy only, and the working exhibit here received very interesting and enthusiastic attention from Prince Louis of Battenberg when he visited the Academy early in the winter.

In the mechanical laboratory, the midshipmen are instructed in classes of 25 some part of each day. A squad of midshipmen may be employed in the

machine shop with automatic tools while another party is in the wood-working department making patterns for machines. One company of the first class is engaged in moulding, both in iron and brass, and on Saturday the brass furnace is put into operation and the midshipmen cast from moulds they have made during the earlier part of the week.

The naval officer of the future in this way acquires practical knowledge of the construction and operation of the ships he will later command.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Grand Lodge Will Meet Here Tuesday Night.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor, of Virginia, will meet in this city in its eighteenth regular session, twenty-ninth year, on Tuesday, March 6th, in Pickett Camp Hall.

The body will be called to order and presided over by Grand Dictator John A. Lester, of Middlethorpe, Va. At this session all officers will be elected for a term of two years.

The Grand Lodge will remain in session for only about a night and a day, as the order is in pretty good shape. One of the most important matters to be disposed of is the selection of an advisory board and the selection of a grand dictator to be president of the board.

The lodge expects, as one of its most eloquent speakers, a visit from the supreme dictator, Hon. J. C. Sheppard, ex-Governor of South Carolina, who will address the Grand Lodge on Tuesday night.

The following is the roll of officers who will be present and those whose successors are to be elected:

George S. Barnes, of Portsmouth, past grand dictator.

John A. Lester, of Middlethorpe, grand dictator.

Thomas D. Balle, of Richmond, grand reporter.

George L. Currie, of Richmond, grand treasurer.

W. L. McLeod, of Suffolk, grand chaplain.

A. S. Woodhouse, of Staunton, grand guide.

M. C. Robertson, of Richmond, grand guardian.

R. B. Shelburne, of Petersburg, grand sentinel.

Captain John Maxwell, of Richmond; Colonel H. Hodges, of Norfolk; Isaac Hirsch, of Fredericksburg, grand trustees.

W. S. Holland, of Onancock, supreme representative.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clowes to Sing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clowes have been paid a high compliment by the National "Travelers' Protective Association," whose president, Mr. W. R. Johnson, has written to ask their address, as he wishes them to have charge of the musical program at the session of one of its meetings in June. Mr. Charles A. Weller, of

Tennessee, will deliver the memorial address on that occasion.

Where Information Came High.

Andrew Jackson S., appointed surveyor-general of Montana Territory by President Grant, arrived in Helena, the capital, early in the seventies. His military record and his genial manner made him a great favorite with everybody. Towards the end of the term, feeling in duty bound to make a special effort to show his appreciation of the hospitality he had enjoyed, he decided to give a banquet to his Helena friends. He completed his programme for the function, but the providing of the right sort of liquid refreshment worried him somewhat. Finally, deciding upon champagne frappe as the proper thing, but in doubt how to prepare it, he remembered an old war comrade, Colonel C., who had always shown himself an expert in supplying good cheer at headquarters on festive occasions. Knowing the latter's address, he wired him as follows:

Helena, Mont., 187—
Colonel C.,— Street, New York.
Wire me your receipt for making champagne frappe. Answer paid. A. J. S.—
(Signed) C.—
In due time came the reply:
New York, 187—
General A. J. S., Helena, Mont.
Freeze it, you d—d fool. C.—
(Signed)
Telegraph tolls were rather high in Montana in those days, and the information cost just \$5.50.—Harper's Weekly.

Tigers' New Field House.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 3.—The new university field-house is expected to be finished about April 1st. The walls of the old building have been leveled to the top of the first story, and the brick-work is nearly completed. The carpenters have commenced on the interior of the building and most of the framework on the inside partition has been erected. The cage for base-ball practice, which was only slightly damaged by the fire which destroyed the building, has been repaired and new skylights have been put in the roof.

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